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# letters

## NOT THE BUTTERFLY ALONE

I read with great interest the article ("The Butterfly and the Blaze," EW12/10) concerning the fires from this past summer and the connected weather patterns that played a role with that intense east wind. One thing I did not read was how almost all of these fires were caused by power line failures. What I found most disturbing is that many, many of these public owned utilities do not have a plan to shut off the power in the event something like this were to happen again.

I asked EPUD about this very pointedly and all I got from the managers is obfuscation and distraction from my question. They have learned nothing from what happened in Paradise, California. Nothing!!

Thomas William Baxter  
Dexter

## WHAT ABOUT LOCAL BOOKSTORES?

I applaud your endorsement of reading as opposed to binge-watching television, but there was one critical element missing from your otherwise excellent book review article ("Winter Reading," EW 12/3). You should have included a plug for our perennially struggling local bookstores. With library services curtailed, what funds readers have for book purchases should be spent in our own community rather than transmitted elsewhere to support Amazon, et al.

Tsk tsk, EW.

Tom Arnold  
Eugene

*Editor's note: You can find our "Winter Reading" story on recommendations from local bookstores online.*

## LEARN THE THREE 'Rs,' 4J

We live in south Eugene. Bicycling by the former Edison Elementary School this afternoon we were shocked to see that apparently no effort was undertaken to salvage lumber, bricks and other construction materials. We were under the impression that the general philosophy in our city was to reuse and recycle as much as possible. The site is now a rather sad spectacle. Several people passing by while we took photos shook their heads looking equally appalled by the shameful waste.

We suppose we are still living as though there is no tomorrow and we have infinite resources to waste. As citizens who pay our share of taxes, we find this wasteful process frankly disgusting.

Joann Carrabbio and Marco Elliott  
Eugene

## SORENSEN A MODEL PROGRESSIVE

Lane County Commissioner Pete Sorenson has stood out as an excellent progressive representative of his south Eugene district since 1997, winning election six times for a total of 24 years of service. Whenever there was a land use battle defending the people against business interests, Sorenson was leading the fight. The environment, racial justice, LGBTQ issues, social services, education, labor and budgeting of government resources are just a few of the areas in which he challenged the status quo. Those who wanted to clearcut Oregon forests and degrade our environment made it their (unsuccessful) mission to defeat Sorenson. And he was questioning police and jail funding levels years before it became a national issue.

Sorenson was an Oregon state senator from 1993-97 and also served on the Lane Community College Board. He helped elect and then worked for Congressman Jim Weaver and also was a special assistant to the U.S. Secretary of Agriculture.

Sorenson is finishing out his final days in office. Like anyone who serves in such a role for many years, there will be some who love him, and a few who have found fault. But for many, Pete Sorenson was a great representative for one of the most progressive areas in our state. Every day he went out to fight for the common person, seeking justice and fairness and to make the world a better place. He did it with compassion, honesty, integrity and great humor. He took to heart the motto of "comforting the afflicted and afflicting the comfortable."

Joe Daunt and Karen Kennedy  
Portland

## A SADISTIC CITY COUNCIL

Seeing a bulldozer idling over a tent, I'm outraged once again by the Eugene City Council. Right now, the council refuses to supply trash service to unhoused survival communities in Eugene. Instead, at great expense, police, hazmat, and bulldozers, clear camps in sweeps.

Clair Syrett writes, the City Council does not provide trash service for residents and businesses in Eugene. Residents pay for "trash service" themselves. She cites that some residents "feel frustrated when unhoused people receive trash service for free when they must pay for it."



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Oh, the humanity!  
How about the pyramid schemes of MUPTE, \$30 million to Riverfront, Trump Opportunity Zones and urban renewal? Fair?

But that is not why Council won't provide a money saving service. A trash service for survival communities would undermine Council's ability to use trash as a trigger in their complaint-driven system, setting in motion the traumatizing relocation of women, children and men. That's our tax dollars paying for extremes in traumatizing violence.

The city of Eugene will not allow a trash service provided by even community members. The city will not allow for managed and hygienic camps. Let's stop kidding ourselves. The exchange today, as in 1840, is violence for wealth. The story continues.

Morally repugnant outcomes we have by historic design: torture, sickness and death in exchange for higher land values for a few.

It's become harder for me to see the City Council as anything but a group of willfully obtuse, sociopathic, sadists, the stakeholders henchmen. Primaries May 2022.

Otis Haschemeyer  
Eugene

## TIME TO LOOK CAREFULLY AT DEFazio

Since the elections are more than a month in our rearview, maybe *Eugene Weekly* can stop with the vacuous takes on the Peter DeFazio v. Alek Skarlatos race and start telling readers what their representative is really up to.

"Slant" from Dec. 10 informs us that a local timber company preferred Skarlatos, calling DeFazio "a vocal opponent of our industry." Perhaps they could have instead informed us that timber giant Weyerhaeuser donated thousands of dollars to DeFazio, not Skarlatos. Readers can simply follow a politician's social media to find out what they are "vocal" opponents of, but we look to alternative news media to tell us what's really going on.

For example, on Dec. 8, DeFazio voted to finalize what Glenn Greenwald calls an "extremely militaristic, imperialistic, pro-war, bloated budget to benefit the Pentagon, the private arms dealers, defense industry and lobbyists." Here again DeFazio has abandoned actual progressives like Rep. Ilhan Omar, who opposed what she called "a bill to appease defense contractors" which "further commits our servicemen to escalations abroad" and "does nothing to stop arms sales to some of the most corrupt and brutal regimes in the world."

With Oregon ranking dead last in defense spending as a share of GDP there is

no pressure from DeFazio's constituency to support a war budget larger than the next 15 countries combined. So where is the pressure coming from? Alongside Weyerhaeuser you will find "arms dealers, defense industry and lobbyists" like Raytheon and Lockheed Martin making big donations to DeFazio.

Colin Moran  
Eugene

## GOP IS A SEDITIOUS CULT

Now that the Republican party has been rebuffed by the Supreme Court, do not think that this treacherous cult will go back to being the loyal opposition and working for the good of the people. They didn't with President Barack Obama and they won't with President Joe Biden. Under the continuing sway of Donald Trump and friends, it will continue to engage in seditious acts in support of autocracy. This is not a mere partisan dispute, it is the political equivalent of firing on Fort Sumter.

The Republican party must learn that there are consequences for trying to overthrow the government of the United States. All members who signed that statement in support of the Texas suit to overturn the election must be expelled from the House of Representatives. Remember: They haven't just been committing fraud and sowing confusion; they have been doing so in the midst of a national health

emergency, a national economic emergency and a national civil rights emergency.

The only thing more dangerous than the Supreme Court suit is the idea that our political institutions can go back to normal as if it never happened.

Jere C. Rosemeyer  
Eugene

## DON'T LIKE THE STIMULUS? DON'T CASH THAT CHECK

If Congress votes for another round of direct stimulus payments to Americans, and President Trump signs the bill into law and takes credit for it (as he certainly will), it will be interesting to see how many of those who rail against "radical, liberal socialism" forgo cashing their checks as a matter of principle. I predict that will be a number approaching zero. Would it be ignorance, greed or hypocrisy that enables them to look the other way and take the money? Or all three?

Adam Horvath  
Eugene

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BARNHART HALL

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# COVID Dorm

PART II IN A SERIES ON COVID-19 AND THE UNIVERSITY OF OREGON LOOKS AT PROBLEMS WITH CAMPUS QUARANTINE

By Joey Cappelletti

**B**arnhart Hall is an incoming freshman's nightmare. Its location, farther from campus than any other dorm, was once a disadvantage. But now Barnhart's distance from campus has made it the perfect location for students that have tested positive for COVID or been in contact with it.

On Oct. 4, University of Oregon freshman Grace Winjum was in close contact with a friend who developed COVID symptoms. Upon contacting University Health Services, Winjum was brought to Barnhart Hall and required to stay for 14 days in isolation.

Despite the UO's attempts to contain the virus, Winjum, along with many other students and residential advisors (RA), expressed concerns with the university's lack of guidelines or supervision in the hall.

"There were definitely people who would bring visitors

in and throw parties in their dorms [in Barnhart] just because there weren't any residence advisors," Winjum says.

The university has continued to deny reports of parties or large gatherings in Barnhart Hall and says that it is addressing any behavior that falls outside of policies and guidelines. Director of Residence Life and Educational Initiatives Anna Schmidt-MacKenzie says there has only been one instance of students gathering, which was dealt with, and that there have only been a "handful" of instances of students walking out of their rooms without a mask.

Emails from Schmidt-MacKenzie to Barnhart residents show that the university was informed of concern within the hall.

"The team delivering food and handling the cleaning in Barnhart have shared concerns that compromise the health and safety of the community," Schmidt-MacKenzie wrote in an email to students in Barnhart on Oct. 12. "It is very important that everyone complies with the

expectations in Barnhart."

Many of the posts on the Instagram account "COVID Campus" address the arising situation at Barnhart Hall. Run by four former and current UO students, the account posts user-submitted entries that most often concern the university's handling of COVID. An open Google form linked in the bio allows for all posts to be anonymous. First formed in August of this year, the account has amassed more than 3,600 followers.

One student who claimed to have been in isolation at Barnhart posted on "COVID Campus" that "there is almost zero supervision on anyone in the building, there are obviously no residential advisors. At least three times in the past week exposed and possible infected students have been throwing parties on the higher floors."

Another anonymous post from an RA claimed that someone on their floor was sent to Barnhart but that the RA was never told who was sent. Only later did that RA find out that the exposed student was regularly returning to their hall to hang out with friends.

Freshman Luca Perzik was exposed to the virus while in the dorms and said that during his two weeks in Barnhart, he didn't see any parties or large gatherings. Perzik did note that organization and supervision was minimal throughout his stay. "The first day I got to Barnhart it was 4 o'clock, which was after other students received lunch. I asked [the supervisors] what I should do for lunch and they said, 'You should just go to McDonalds.' I was confused because I thought I was supposed to be quarantining."

Perzik and Winjum said that students were also given two hours a day of unsupervised "free time" to leave quarantine and go anywhere they wanted. Emails obtained from Schmidt-MacKenzie confirm that students in isolation are allowed to leave from 9 to 11 am every day and students in quarantine from 1 to 3 pm.

One RA who tested positive for COVID told *Eugene Weekly* that she saw multiple students leave Barnhart during free time and get in cars with other people. The RA wished to remain anonymous in fear that she would lose her job. The UO contract states that RAs aren't supposed to talk about their positions without approval from someone.

Since Sept. 28, at least 512 students have reported to the university that they tested positive for COVID-19. ZIP codes with UO students (97401-97404) have also accounted for half of all COVID cases in Lane County.

In an interview with *EW*, Schmidt-MacKenzie said she believes that students have been for the most part "incredibly conscientious," but said that recently the university has implemented an increased presence within Barnhart.

"I have a lot of faith in students. I like to think that the only reason you play by the rules isn't because someone is watching you," Schmidt-MacKenzie says. ■

## slant

• Everyone danced as best they could around COVID-19, but the wretched 2020

college football season is mercifully wrapping up.

And the University of Oregon — the only Pac-12 school that refused to give the number of COVID positives in its athletic department to *The New York Times* — finds itself in the middle of a virus-driven mess that the Pac-12 Conference has become. The Ducks did not win the North Division title. That belongs to the University of Washington by virtue of a higher winning percentage. Yet the Ducks will play for the Pac-12 championship on Dec. 18 because Washington pulled out of the regular season finale at Autzen Stadium on Dec. 12 after a series of positive COVID cases, and the Huskies can't field a full team to play for the title. For the sake of the student athletes (not to mention simple sanity), we will be thankful when this madness ends.

• City Club of Eugene this week hosts its annual "Gifts to the City" program with Rev. Dan Bryant as

emcee. Gifters include environmentalist Tim Ingallsbee, Midas Well of Black Unity, City Manager Sarah Medary and *Eugene Weekly's* editor Camilla Mortensen. You can view City Club programs Fridays at noon on its Facebook page as well as on YouTube, or listen Monday nights at 7 pm on KLCC, 89.7 FM.

• We're already hearing rumblings about who wants to be the next mayor of Eugene, although Lucy Vinis was just elected to her second term in May 2020. Some say Councilor Mike Clark from the right and Councilor Alan Zelenka from the left are both interested. The mayor of Eugene performs ceremonial duties — too many, in our opinion — but there is certainly power there, should the mayor choose to take it.

• With the rush of recent hot news, we nearly missed the big climate story. As Bill McKibben wrote in *The New York Times* Dec. 10, New York state's comptroller announced that the state would begin divesting its \$226 billion employee pension fund from gas and oil companies if they can't come up with a plan

within four years that's aligned with the Paris Climate Accord. McKibben calls it a "huge win, obviously, for the activists who have fought for eight years to get Albany to divest from fossil fuel companies and for the global divestment campaign." Now we need every other state to do the same.

• Speaking of climate change, *Eugene Weekly's* Dec. 10 cover story about climate was picked by the Association of Alternative Newsmedia as one of the best articles in alternative journalism in the country that week. We'll take it. Thank you. Also a shout-out to Jade Yamazaki Stewart, *EW* intern-turned-freelancer who just announced he will be interning at *The Seattle Times* this summer as a features writer. And having wrapped up an internship with *The Wall Street Journal*, intern/freelancer Donald Morrison just announced his full time position with *Easy Reader News* in the Los Angeles area. It's not an easy time to be a journalist — and *EW's* interns amaze us.

• Dr. Jill Biden. See? It's not that hard.





Pool photo by Andy Nelson

# Salvage Nation

BLM PROPOSES SALVAGE LOGGING AT HOLIDAY FARM FIRE-IMPACTED AREA

By Henry Houston

**T**he Holiday Farm Fire has been mostly contained since October, but the Bureau of Land Management is now proposing salvage harvesting, a controversial forest management practice where trees affected by natural disaster are logged.

The BLM is proposing more than 1,500 acres in salvage timber sales on the McKenzie watershed and could bypass environmental assessments because the Trump administration has expanded the use of categorical exclusions, which allow federal agencies to move faster on salvage harvesting. But the BLM says environmental impacts are still considered in this rule and selling affected trees would mean fewer living trees cut down this year.

Environmental groups say the BLM needs more transparency on the sale and that salvage logging kills natural recovery cycles in old growth forests, which are necessary to tackle climate change, and threatens the McKenzie watershed, Eugene's only water supply.

"The BLM does not move fast as a general rule," Wildlands Director Rebecca White of Cascadia Wildlands says about the salvage timber sales. "But they're moving like wildfire."

In November, the BLM announced three salvage logging actions related to the Holiday Farm Fire aftermath:

Wild and Woolly (58 acres), Mid Indian (116 acres) and HLB-MITA (1,345 acres). Eugene BLM field manager Becca Brooke says she approved the first two projects through a categorical exclusion.

The three salvage sales are a part of a larger regional strategy to maximize logging of the burn areas. On Nov. 25, BLM State Director Barry Bushue sent a memo to BLM offices in the region with a strategy to recover timber from the historic 2020 wildfires. Bushue's memo called for maximizing salvage timber volume at an urgent pace to offer as much as possible in the current year. Bushue called for a planned target of 278 million board feet.

Brooke says the BLM is required by law to sell that much timber, and the memo emphasizes collecting the dead and dying trees over living trees. She adds that decisions have to move quickly before dead and dying trees become a part of the habitat.

Brooke says the BLM isn't moving abnormally fast on this project and that she's even extended the deadline a week after the agency's website had a glitch. She adds she can't offer tours of the proposed sales because the area is still unsafe.

White says the BLM hasn't provided enough information, so she's asking the public to submit comments on the project to get more details about how big the trees are that were burned and if they really are dead.

"We're asking people to let the BLM know if they think it should go for a full, careful environmental review and not be rushed under a Trump categorical exclusion," White says. "Salvage logging is probably the most environmentally destructive form of logging, especially how they're doing it, which is likely a clear cut."

Three years after President Donald Trump signed an executive order to accelerate the federal environmental review process, the BLM can move forward with salvage logging projects without adhering to the 50-year-old law called National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). In a Dec. 11, 2020, memo, the Office of Environmental Policy and Compliance's Director Stephen Tryon approved the use of categorical exclusions on salvage logging projects of up to 3,000 acres without an environmental review.

In the memo, Tryon writes that among other things, salvage harvest can help recover economic value from timber and accelerate reestablishment of native resilient forest tree species.

White of Cascadia Wildlands says categorical exclusions have been used in the past for small projects, such as bathrooms at a campground. Using it for logging up to 3,000 salvage acres of a fire area is a big expansion of the rule, she adds.

And there could be lasting consequences on the McKenzie River, Eugene's drinking water source, if the logging moves forward, according to Oregon Wild conservation and restoration coordinator Doug Heiken. "Salvaging logging is way worse than regular clearcutting because the soil is already very damaged," he says. "There's no vegetation to act as a natural filter for the sediment that might move into the drinking supply."

Heiken says logging activity can cause ground movement from falling trees bouncing on the ground and heavy equipment operating. That causes an erosion of dirt, which becomes an issue, he adds. And if the Willamette Valley has a storm similar to the 1996 flood, he says, it could impact the drinking supply.

But Brooke says there won't be a negative impact on the river, and she sent a notice to the McKenzie Watershed Council, a group of 28 organizations that represent the watershed, including EWEB. EWEB confirms the BLM notified them of the proposed sales.

Brooke says she decides which salvage projects get a categorical exclusion. It's still reviewed by in-house BLM specialists with graduate degrees and years of experience, she adds. She says it's too early to say whether she'll do a categorical exclusion. If there's an extraordinary impact, she says she'll proceed with an environmental assessment.

Heiken says wildfire-affected trees are important for growing a natural forest. "The complex, diverse forest that grows naturally after these events are more resilient to climate change than a tree farm that is densely packed and uniform and monoculture," he says. "It's going to take 80 to 100 years to grow that forest naturally. If you try to do it with a tree farm, it would take 180 or 200 years." ■

To provide comments to the BLM, email [BLM\\_OR\\_NO\\_UPW\\_SalvageHarvest@blm.gov](mailto:BLM_OR_NO_UPW_SalvageHarvest@blm.gov) by Jan. 11, 2021.

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# give guide

EUGENE WEEKLY'S ANNUAL LISTING  
OF LOCAL NONPROFITS DESERVING  
YOUR LOVE AND SUPPORT **PART 1**

**E**very year there are scores of nonprofits that deserve support. This year, like so many of us, nonprofits have been hit financially by the COVID-19 pandemic. They are unable to do their usual fundraisers and outreach in a time when people need their services more than ever. We asked community members to tell us why we should give to these wonderful groups, so please read and support — either financially or with your time and effort. We had too many nonprofits to fit in one issue, so stay tuned for Part 2. — *EW Staff*

## Social Services and Homelessness

### CARRY IT FORWARD

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### CATHOLIC COMMUNITY SERVICES OF LANE COUNTY

1025 G St., Springfield OR 9747

541-345-3628 • ccslc.org

“By volunteering at Catholic Community Services, I know that I have an immediate, significant impact on our neighbors and help make the community a better and safer place for everyone.” — *Morgan Munro, Eugene Food Pantry volunteer*

### CENTRO LATINO AMERICANO

944 W. 5th Ave., Eugene OR 97402

541-687-2667 • CentroLatinoAmericano.org

“Centro should be supported because the Spanish speaking community feels safe and comfortable in a place where there is Latin people ready to help and guide you. I came to Centro Latino Americano because they speak my language, and I feel comfortable and welcome in my language.” — *Sol (translated)*

### CIVIL LIBERTIES DEFENSE CENTER

1430 Willamette # 359 Eugene, OR 97401

541-687-9180 • CLDC.org

“CLDC is key to success in the long run for the environmental and social justice causes that we believe in. We invite you to join us in making a generous donation to CLDC because while justice may indeed be within reach, it's going to take a lot of blood, sweat and tears — and likely lawsuits — to achieve it for everyone.” — *Eugene residents and CLDC supporters Wis and Susan Macomson*

### COMMUNITY ALLIANCE OF LANE COUNTY

458 Blair Blvd. Eugene, OR 97437

541-485-1755 • CALCLane.org

“CALC's recent accomplishments during COVID include: stopping illegal evictions, helping Latinx students get laptops for distance learning, a new food distribution program that doubles as a community organizing space among Latinx residents, and instigating the Rally for Democracy coalition determined to uphold voting rights for all.” — *Ginny Osteen, community activist*

### DOWNTOWN LANGUAGES

532 C St., Springfield, OR 97477

541-683-8483 • DowntownLanguages.org

“I volunteered as an assistant teacher during this last quarter over Zoom. It was a wonderful experience. Please help me to support this school where immigrants learn English, study for the GED and citizenship. It's an amazing place!” — *Susi Hukari*



WHOLE EARTH  
NATURE SCHOOL  
Photo by Todd Cooper

### MCKENZIE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (MCKENZIE CDC)

PO Box 406, Waltherville, OR 97489

503-432-6342 • McKenzieCommunity.org

“In the aftermath of the Holiday Farm wildfire, the relief centers are making a tangible difference to McKenzie Valley community members who lost homes and incomes, through distribution of food, goods and information.” — *Marilyn Cross*

### REALITY KITCHEN

645 River Rd. Eugene, OR 97405

RealityKitchen.org

“I have seen Catherine and Jim's ongoing commitment to creating opportunities for individuals who experience intellectual and developmental disabilities to gain self confidence, skills and a future, as well as create community in their River Road facility.” — *Sheila Thomas, supporter and board member*

### WHITE BIRD CLINIC

341 E. 12th Ave., Eugene, OR 97401

541-342-8255 • WhiteBirdClinic.org

“A truly amazing place offering compassionate services and support to those who need it most. 24 hour crisis counseling and the CAHOOTS community response team are such a blessing for our community.” — *Stacy Bierma-Welch, owner Harlequin Beads and Jewelry and White Bird Volunteer*

### ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY OF LANE COUNTY, INC.

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## Mental and Physical Health

### THE TRAUMA HEALING PROJECT

1100 Charnelton St., Eugene OR 97401

541-687-9447 • HealingAttention.org

“This is the time, our time, for trauma healing. The Trauma Healing Project provides low to no-cost mind/body healing services for survivors of trauma and other community members.” — *Robert Lee*

### SEXUAL ASSAULT SUPPORT SERVICES OF LANE COUNTY (SASS)

591 W. 19th Ave., Eugene, OR 97492

541-484-9791 • SASS-Lane.org

“SASS is a small, behind-the-scenes organization with a HUGE impact on the lives of survivors of sexual violence. We're a unique 24/7 place of safety, trust, compassion, support, advocacy, confidentially, education, guidance, respect, and more. I can't imagine Eugene without SASS.” — *Susan Lax*

## Fitness and Sports

### EUGENE AIKIKAI

870 W. 2nd Ave. B, Eugene, OR 97402

541-345-4212 • EugeneAikikai.com/Aikido

“Eugene Aikikai is a community of support and love. As a long time member of the community and a board member I cannot recommend this enough for anyone looking for a wonderful way of personal development. My life is so much richer because of this practice.” — *David Metz*

### EUGENE CIVIC ALLIANCE

2077 Willamette, Eugene, OR 97405

541-525-6601 • EugeneCivicAlliance.org

“Civic Park has lots of appeal for whatever you'd like to do outside; fitness, festivals and family-friendly events. Now, more than ever, it's important to find ways to be together while staying apart, and Eugene Civic Alliance makes that happen. Civic Park is well-positioned to become the central meeting place for Lane County.” — *Benjamin Wilkinson, Stop, Drop and Yoga*





## EUGENE PARKS FOUNDATION

PO Box 11618, Eugene, OR 97440-3818  
541-513-0771 • [EugeneParksFoundation.org](http://EugeneParksFoundation.org)

"I believe parks, especially smaller, neighborhood parks, are an important component in livability and quality of life for Eugene residents. They provide a space for neighbors to interact with each other, meet new people, and engage in recreational activities. As a mother who raised four children, parks provide young people a safe place to interact with one another, and keep them off the streets and out of trouble." — *Lori Bumgardner, EPF donor*

## VETERANS YOGA PROJECT

Local contact: [Alexandra.Levine@VeteransYogaProject.org](mailto:Alexandra.Levine@VeteransYogaProject.org)  
PO Box 6472 Alameda, CA 94501  
541-653-0464 • [VeteransYogaProject.org](http://VeteransYogaProject.org)

"Yoga was life-changing for me. I was holding down a lot of emotions and events from my combat experiences. After turning to yoga, I felt compelled to spread the word among my fellow veterans. Although not a cure, I honestly believe yoga is definitely part of the solution to veteran suicide." — *former Army medic John Mory*

# For the Youth

## A FAMILY FOR EVERY CHILD

1675 W. 11th Ave. Eugene, OR 97402  
541-343-2856 ext. 11 • [AFamilyForEveryChild.org](http://AFamilyForEveryChild.org)

"It's really important for adults in our community to step up and show up for the youth in our community. I think that's how we secure the future of our society by investing in young people. But also the world is a really scary place to be right now and young people need our support." — *Jordan, mentor*

## CASCADIA QUEST

PO Box 50594 Eugene, OR 97405  
458-201-2868 • [CascadiaQuest.org](http://CascadiaQuest.org)

"The wilderness initiation for youth into adulthood has guided my son to become a more grounded and

conscientious young man. It was a solid way to usher him into adulthood with a clearer purpose for him and his intentions to be a helpful human being." — *Min Yi, mother of a 2016 Young Men's Initiation participant*

## COMMUNITY OUTREACH THROUGH RADICAL EMPOWERMENT (CORE)

Fiscally sponsored by Northwest Alliance for Alternative Media and Education (NAAME)  
3003 W. 11th Ave., #277, Eugene OR 97402  
[CoreEugene.org](http://CoreEugene.org)

"During the wildfires in September, CORE Eugene was one of very few not-for-profits helping to get unhoused young people out of toxic smoke. And every street feed, we give these young people more than survival, we give them respect and mutual aid." — *Ericka Thessen, frontline health care worker and volunteer*

## COURT APPOINTED SPECIAL ADVOCATES OF LANE COUNTY

174 Deadmond Ferry Rd. Springfield, OR 97477  
541-984-3132  
[CASA-Lane.org](http://CASA-Lane.org)

"In the eight years I have been a CASA advocate, I have seen how these dedicated volunteers can help change a child's life for the better and especially during these challenging times when abused and neglected children need a CASA more than ever. You, too, can change a child's story by supporting CASA or becoming a CASA advocate." — *Joel Korin, CASA advocate*

## OPHELIA'S PLACE

1577 Pearl St. #100, Eugene, OR 97401  
541-284-4333 • [OpheliaPlace.net](http://OpheliaPlace.net)

"I used to get made fun of for how I wore my hair or the people I hung out with. But at Ophelia's Place there's all these girls who have gone through the same thing and they tell you, 'You are an amazing person.' Ophelia's Place has given me a lot of self-esteem and I'm sure it has for other girls too." — *Sabia, age 12*

## WHOLE EARTH NATURE SCHOOL

PO Box 5223 Eugene, OR 97405  
541-937-5437 • [WholeEarth.org](http://WholeEarth.org)

"What impresses me most about Whole Earth Nature School is their exceptional dedication to transforming kids into curious learners who are building skills not only to engage with nature in a meaningful way but also to cultivate the resilience and mental strength so necessary for a healthy and balanced life. As a parent and a doctor, I am passionate about supporting this program as a powerful tool for positive change for our youth and for their role as future leaders." — *Dr. Amelia Roth*

# Environment

## BEYOND TOXICS

120 Shelton McMurfey Blvd., Suite 280 Eugene, OR 97401  
541-465-8860 • [BeyondToxics.org](http://BeyondToxics.org)

"Joining with Beyond Toxics gives me the ability to help be a voice for my community. Their passion to speak up for those individuals who have not been heard is what I value. Beyond Toxics has really helped me because I am

one of those families harmed by the poor air quality in Eugene." — *Arjorie Arberry-Baribeault, volunteer*

## CASCADIA WILDLANDS

PO Box 10455 Eugene, OR 97440  
541-434-1463 • [CascWild.org](http://CascWild.org)

"Cascadia Wildlands stands strong for all the things that make our region so special: big trees, raging rivers and unique critters, and they have a passion and tenacity to defend the wild like no other. That is why we continue to be an ardent supporter of this outstanding organization and encourage others to do the same." — *Catherine Reinhart, co-owner, Sweet Life Patisserie*

## FRIENDS OF FAMILY FARMERS

PO Box 396 Corbett, OR 97019  
503-581-7124 • [FriendsOfFamilyFarmers.org](http://FriendsOfFamilyFarmers.org)

"To me the most valuable part of FoFF's work is the public education component, like the InFARMations, which help the public get a better idea of what farms are doing and the importance of a healthy, local food system. Becoming a member of Friends of Family Farmers seemed like an easy way for me to support the local farming community, it was a good way for me to pitch in." — *Willa Bauman, a Friends of Family Farmers supporter and lifelong Eugene resident*

## FRIENDS OF TREES

1238 1/2 Lincoln St. Eugene, 97401  
541-915-1601 • [FriendsOfTrees.org](http://FriendsOfTrees.org)

"Nothing in my life lifts the anxiety, stress and guilt of our current climate crises like watering a young tree. It may be a small tree and it does take time and energy, but if we all participate in this act during our summer months, the anxiety, stress and guilt just might transform into something wonderful, like pride, safety and happiness." — *Jon Clark*

## MCKENZIE RIVER TRUST

120 Shelton McMurfey Blvd. Ste. 270 Eugene, OR 97401  
541-345-2799 • [MckenzieRiver.org](http://MckenzieRiver.org)

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## NORTHWEST CENTER FOR ALTERNATIVES TO PESTICIDES (NCAP)

448 Charnelton St., Eugene, OR 97401  
541-344-5044 • [Pesticide.org](http://Pesticide.org)

NCAP protects community and environmental health by advocating for alternatives to pesticides.

"NCAP provides invaluable scientific expertise in conjunction with its grassroots activism to assure us a cleaner environment and safe food supply. Our environment would be more degraded, more species would be at risk and our food supply less safe if it weren't for the work of NCAP." — *U.S. Rep. Peter DeFazio*

## OREGON WILD

PO Box 11648 Eugene, OR 97440  
541-344-0675 • [OregonWild.org](http://OregonWild.org)

"Oregon Wild's rigorous effort to protect and restore our state's wonderful wildlife, forests and waters is something I have always admired. The organization's work is vital for our climate, access to clean water and the health of future generations." — *Naila Bhatri, Eugene-based Oregon Wild board member*

## WESTERN ENVIRONMENTAL LAW CENTER

120 Shelton McMurfey Blvd., Ste. 340 Eugene, OR 97401  
541-485-2471 • [WesternLaw.org](http://WesternLaw.org)

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A trying year for all will get a dose of good cheer starting Dec. 18 when the **Eugene Gay Men's Chorus** presents: Home with the Hologays! The nearly two dozen member ensemble, directed by Evan Miles, will sing "Somewhere in My Memory" (from the first *Home Alone* movie), "Little Drummer Boy" and "I'll Be Home for Christmas," among other pieces, and all through the magic of editing on YouTube. Remember, this is 2020. "We're all safely at home because we can't meet," says Scott Sunderland, president of EGMC and a member of the chorus. EGMC has had some practice with virtual concerts this year. In October, through grants from the Lane County Cultural Coalition and Oregon Cultural Trust, the chorus put on a five-plus minute performance ("Thankful") that still can be seen on its Facebook page. "We have great leadership," Sunderland says, though he adds that the chorus members, like all of us, have had their stresses this year. "They really need a community," Sunderland says. "That has been missed." Still, we're all for ending this year with some good cheer.

The Eugene Gay Men's Chorus Presents: Home with the Hologays! beginning Friday, Dec. 18 at 7 pm and running throughout December. The YouTube link is at [Eugenegmc.org](http://Eugenegmc.org). — *Dan Buckwalter*

## GENERAL

**LISTINGS ARE FREE UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED**

### HEALTH

Zoom classes at [YMCA.org](http://YMCA.org).  
Zoom workout classes at CrossFit. Email [Contact@CrossFitIntensify.com](mailto:Contact@CrossFitIntensify.com) for more info.

Workout classes at [IAMForeverStrong.com](http://IAMForeverStrong.com).

Workout classes at Evolve Fitness Studios. More info at [EvolveFitnessStudios.com](http://EvolveFitnessStudios.com) Facebook page.

Yoga classes at [EugeneYoga.us](http://EugeneYoga.us); [WildLightYogaCenter.com](http://WildLightYogaCenter.com); [EugeneMudra.com](http://EugeneMudra.com); [HotYogaEugeneBalanced.com](http://HotYogaEugeneBalanced.com); [YogaEugene.com](http://YogaEugene.com).

All levels of yoga (chair, advanced, yoga for health care workers and children) at Vista Wellness Center. Visit [VistaPsych.com](http://VistaPsych.com) for more info.

### HOLIDAYS

Lights at The Village Green (thru Dec. 31), Village Green, 725 Row River Rd, Cottage Grove. Tickets \$5 in advance. More info at [TheVillageGreen.com](http://TheVillageGreen.com).

### ART EXHIBITS

Art for All Seasons Membership Show and Club Mud Holiday Sale (online & in-person reservations thru Dec. 18), [MKartcenter.org](http://MKartcenter.org).

Eugene Contemporary art presents Reflections Space: Open video exhibition (thru Dec. 21), 5pm, Anti-Aesthetic, 245 W. 8th Ave.

Clay Fest Online (thru Dec. 31), all day. More info at [ClayFestOnline.com](http://ClayFestOnline.com).

"Overview" - Acrylic Paintings by Jon Jay Cruson (thru Dec. 31), White Lotus Gallery, 767 Willamette St.

Adam Grosowsky: "No Direction Home" (thru Jan. 16), Karin Clarke Gallery, 760 Willamette St.

Moments In Nature by Greg Giesy at PhotoZone Gallery (thru Dec. 29), PhotoZone Gallery, 22 W. 7th Ave.

Jordan Schnitzer Museum of Art, [JSMA.Uoregon.edu](http://JSMA.Uoregon.edu).

### MARKETS

Cozy & Connected Virtual Winter Market (thru Dec. 20). More info at [WhiteakerCommunityMarket.com](http://WhiteakerCommunityMarket.com).

### ONLINE LECTURES/CLASSES

Job Search Help by appointment at the downtown

library. Call 541-686-7985 to schedule.

### FAMILY/KIDS

Bilingual StoryWalks w/ Eugene Public Library, in parks at Sheldon and Petersen Barn Community centers (Dec. 18 thru Jan. 5). More info at 541-682-5450.

Little Wonders: Animal Homes (Dec. 18 thru Jan. 14). More info at MNCH. [Uoregon.edu](http://Uoregon.edu).

Winter Reading: Free Books for Kids and Teens w/ Eugene Public Library (Dec. 19 thru Jan 31). More info at 541-682-5450 or [Eugene-or.gov/library](http://Eugene-or.gov/library).

### RECREATION

Civic Park Adult (18+) Drop-in Soccer (thru December), Tuesday evenings & Sunday mornings. More info at [EugeneCivicAlliance.org](http://EugeneCivicAlliance.org).

## THURSDAY

DECEMBER 17

### FILM

Springfilm: *Lovely, Still* - Live Stream and Film Discussion, 7pm. More info at 541-726-3766 Monday thru Saturday, 10am to 5pm.

### HEALTH

NAMI Family Support Zoom Group @ [NamiLane.org](http://NamiLane.org), 7pm. RSVP at [NamiLane.org](http://NamiLane.org).

### LECTURES/CLASSES

Meaningful Holidays, 6-7:30pm. More info at [MeditateInEugene.org](http://MeditateInEugene.org). \$2.

### ON THE AIR

"The Point," 9am, KOPV, 88.0 FM

"Arts Journal," 9pm, Comcast channel 29

Thursday Night Jazz, 10pm, KLCC, 89.7 FM

### SPIRITUAL

Zen Meditation, 7am, Blue Cliff Zen Ctr, 439 W. 2nd Ave.

## FRIDAY

DECEMBER 18

### GATHERINGS

City Club of Eugene ("Gifts to the City"), noon, City Club of Eugene Facebook page & YouTube page. Airs again on Monday, Dec. 21 at 7 pm on KLCC, 89.7 FM.

Food Not Bombs, cooking starts at noon (email [EugeneFoodNotBombs@gmail.com](mailto:EugeneFoodNotBombs@gmail.com) for location), serves at 4pm at Park Blocks, E. 8th Ave. & Oak St. next to fountains.

### MUSIC

Eugene Gay Men's Chorus Free Virtual Holiday Concert ("Home with the Hologays"), 7pm. YouTube link at [Eugenegmc.org](http://Eugenegmc.org).

Friday Night Folk Music Live-Stream, 7pm. More info at Kathryn Rose Celtic Folk Festival Facebook page.

Oregon Mozart Players ("Noel"), 7:30pm. Link at [OregonMozartPlayers.org](http://OregonMozartPlayers.org).

### SPIRITUAL

Zen Meditation (instruction provided), 7pm, Zoom only at [BlueCliffCenter.org](http://BlueCliffCenter.org).

## SATURDAY

DECEMBER 19

### ART/CRAFT

Galleria at the Smith Artist Marketplace, noon-6pm, Smith Family Annex, 768 E. 13th Ave.

### FARMERS MARKETS

Holiday Farmers Market, 10am-2pm, Park Blocks, E. 8th Ave & Oak St.

### GATHERINGS

Burrito Brigade, 9:30am-3:30pm. More info at [BurritoBrigade.org](http://BurritoBrigade.org).

### HOLIDAY MARKETS

Eugene Holiday Market, 10am-3pm, Park Blocks, E. 8th Ave. & Oak St.

### KIDS/FAMILY

Virtual Lego Club at the Springfield Public Library, 3:30pm. More info at [Springfield-or.libcal.com](http://Springfield-or.libcal.com).

### ON THE AIR

The Dr. Yeti Show, 10pm-midnight, KOCF, 92.5 FM or streamed at KOCF.org.

The Institute of Spectra Sound, 10pm-midnight, KEPW, 97.3 FM

### THEATER

The Majestic Holiday Spectacular: *Choose Your Own Carol*, 7:30pm. More info at [Majestic.org](http://Majestic.org).

## SUNDAY

DECEMBER 20

### ART/CRAFT

Galleria at the Smith Artist Marketplace, noon-6pm, Smith Family Annex, 768 E. 13th Ave.

### GATHERINGS

Burrito Brigade, 11am-4pm. More info at [BurritoBrigade.org](http://BurritoBrigade.org).

### HEALTH

Occupy Medical, noon-4pm, 1717 Centennial Blvd, Springfield.

### LECTURES/CLASSES

Weekly Guided Meditation & Dharma Talk w/ Tulku Jigme Rinpoche, 10am-noon. More info at [PalmoCenter.org](http://PalmoCenter.org). Sug. donation \$15.

### SPIRITUAL

Zen Meditation, 4:30pm, Blue Cliff Zen Center, 439 W. 2nd Ave.

Eugene Insight Meditation via Zoom, 6:30pm, [Eugene-Insight.com](http://Eugene-Insight.com).

## MONDAY

DECEMBER 21

### HEALTH

Connection Peer Support Group at [NAMI-Lane.org](http://NAMI-Lane.org), 10 am, [NamiLane.org](http://NamiLane.org), . .

### KIDS/FAMILY

Activity Kits for Kids ("Snow Pals"), all Eugene Public Library locations while supplies last. More info at 541-682-5450 or [Eugene-or.gov/library](http://Eugene-or.gov/library).

### LECTURES/CLASSES

Lunchtime Meditation, noon-12:30pm. More info at [MeditateInEugene.org](http://MeditateInEugene.org). \$1.

Meaningful Holidays, 6-7:30pm. More info at [MeditateInEugene.org](http://MeditateInEugene.org). \$2.

## TUESDAY

DECEMBER 22

### KIDS/FAMILY

Family Storytime, 11am, Eugene Public Library Facebook page.

### LECTURES/CLASSES

Lunchtime Meditation, noon-12:30pm. More info at [MeditateInEugene.org](http://MeditateInEugene.org). \$1.

Free Kids Movement and Mindfulness Class, 3-3:45pm. More info at [VistaPsych.com](http://VistaPsych.com).

Lamrim Practice, 6-7:30pm, Online. More info at [MeditateInEugene.org](http://MeditateInEugene.org). \$2.

### SPIRITUAL

Zen Meditation, 7am, Blue Cliff Zen Center, 439 W. 2nd Ave.

## WEDNESDAY

DECEMBER 23

### LECTURES/CLASSES

Lunchtime Meditation, noon-12:30pm. More info at [MeditateInEugene.org](http://MeditateInEugene.org). \$1.

Universal Compassion, 6-7:30pm. More info at [MeditateInEugene.org](http://MeditateInEugene.org). \$2.

### SPIRITUAL

Zen Meditation, 7am, Blue Cliff Zen Center, 439 W 2nd Ave. .

## THURSDAY

DECEMBER 24

### HEALTH

NAMI Family Support Zoom Group @ [NamiLane.org](http://NamiLane.org), 7pm. RSVP at [NamiLane.org](http://NamiLane.org).

### ON THE AIR

"The Point," 9am, KOPV, 88.0 FM

"Arts Journal," 9pm, Comcast channel 29

Thursday Night Jazz, 10pm, KLCC, 89.7 FM

### SPIRITUAL

Zen Meditation, 7am, Blue Cliff Zen Ctr, 439 W. 2nd Ave.

## ATTENTION

The COVID-19 pandemic is creating a mark on our community, a truly historic event that may have lasting effect generations from now. The Lane County History Museum needs the help of our entire community to document this experience for future exhibits, researchers and Lane County residents to look back at generations from now. A single event can be experienced differently. LCHM wants to capture a variety of perspectives and experiences of people, but also of businesses and other organizations. How did you adapt to this new environment, what did you choose to do or have to do differently? This collection is not just for adults — the museum emphasizes that the goal is to capture the experiences of all ages. Childhood possessions, artwork or oral experiences are most often collected after we have grown. By collecting these directly from young people, we can get a more authentic experience. To get more information on this collection campaign, and how you, your business or organization can submit an item to be considered, go to our website at <https://www.lchm.org/covid-collection/>. Due to the pandemic the museum is currently closed to the public. If your submission is chosen you will be contacted once the museum is able to safely welcome people and artifacts.

With the passage of Ballot Measure 109 in the recent election, allowing the manufacturer, delivery and administration of psilocybin at supervised, licensed facilities, Oregon Governor Kate Brown is now seeking applicants for the Oregon Psilocybin Advisory Board. This board makes recommendations to the Oregon Health Authority on the requirements, specifications and guidelines for providing psilocybin services in the state. There are many criteria, and for more information and to apply, submit the following documentation to [executive.appointments@oregon.gov](mailto:executive.appointments@oregon.gov) by Jan. 1, 2021: A completed executive appointment interest form, which is available on the Governor's office website at [http://www.oregon.gov/gov/admin/Pages/How\\_To\\_Appl.aspx](http://www.oregon.gov/gov/admin/Pages/How_To_Appl.aspx). A resume or brief biographical sketch. A brief statement of interest. For more information, email [oha.psilocybin@dhs.oh.state.or.us](mailto:oha.psilocybin@dhs.oh.state.or.us) or contact André Ourso, OHA Public Health Division, at 971-673-0404.

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# The Final Outpost

BEND DIRECTOR TAYLOR MORDEN'S **THE LAST BLOCKBUSTER** TAKES A NOSTALGIC LOOK AT THE END OF AN ERA

By Emily Topping

For those who grew up before the digital streaming age of Netflix and Amazon Prime, visiting the video store might have been the best part of a Friday night.

It was often a gamble whether the plastic-encased DVD you'd picked was any good or not — though you could judge by the picture on the front, or the nod of approval from the teenager working the cash register. Now, even holding a DVD feels like an ancient relic.

It's hard to imagine that it's been almost exactly 10 years since the movie-rental giant Blockbuster went out of business. The corporation filed for bankruptcy in 2010, leaving in its wake a gaping hole for movie lovers who preferred a physical browsing experience, and maybe a bag of store-bought popcorn while they were at it.

Directed by Vida native Taylor Morden, the heartfelt documentary *The Last Blockbuster*, released online Dec. 15, tells the tale of the rise and fall of the company and depicts its last remaining outpost: the only Blockbuster left in existence — just over the Cascades, in Bend. The movie is, in part, a profile of the location's charming manager, Sandi Harding, who along with her family keeps

the store alive, and in part a homage to the dying form of physical media.

Morden, who has directed previous documentaries *Pick it Up!* and *Here's to Life: The Story of the Refreshments*, both related to the music industry, says he felt a sense of urgency with this project that he hadn't experienced in previous films. When Morden began filming the documentary in 2017, there were still 12 Blockbusters open across the U.S.

"It kind of felt like a race against time," Morden says. "We'd go to start filming in Texas, and they'd call us to say, 'We had to close.'" Soon, the number of Blockbusters dwindled until only one remained — in Morden's home state of Oregon.

Morden, who attended McKenzie High School and graduated from University of Oregon in 2006 with a degree in digital arts, says he was rooting for the Bend location to make it.

"Sandi [the manager] is such a driving force," he says. "She's so upbeat and positive, to her this place is a family."

Although Blockbuster used to be notorious as a corporate villain, stealing revenue from mom-and-pop rental shops, the last remaining store operates very

much as a family business.

One scene in *The Last Blockbuster* cuts from a TV news interview with Harding to a shot of her in her Bend home, hand-crocheting beanies to sell at the store. As she weaves the yellow and blue yarn, Harding wonders aloud if Dish Network, the company who owns Blockbuster, will renew her license to keep Blockbuster afloat for one more year.

While the store still caters to movie-aficionado locals, the location quickly became a tourist destination following its declaration as the only Blockbuster left on the planet. Now, travellers from as far as Italy and Brazil make the pilgrimage to Bend to take a picture in front of the iconic Blockbuster sign. T-shirts and bumper stickers are sold inside the store alongside DVDs, which are available both for rent and for sale.

For Morden, the attraction of crowds to the rental store represents a longing for a way of enjoying media that simply doesn't exist anymore.

The film features a star-studded cast alongside the workers of Blockbuster, including interviews with actors Paul Scheer (*Veep*), Adam Brody (*The O.C.*) and director Kevin Smith. Lauren Lupkus of *Orange is the New Black* and *The Big Bang Theory* narrates. Each character offers a different story from their formative years, and the experiences at their own local movie-rental shop that shaped them into the film lovers they are today.

"The point of this movie is what are we losing as a culture when we close these places?" Morden says, "We are used to the convenience of everything at the push of a button, but what are we losing in return?" ■

The Last Blockbuster is available for streaming on most major sites, and the DVD can be purchased or rented at Blockbuster in Bend.

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**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF LANE**  
Probate Department In the Matter of the Estate of: JOHN P. COCHRAN, Deceased. NO. 20PB08104 NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS Notice is hereby given that Lynn Shepard has been appointed and has qualified as the personal representative of the estate. All persons having claims against the estate are hereby required to present the same, with proper vouchers, within four months after the date of first publication of this notice, as stated below, to the personal representative at Lynn Shepard, C/O Chelsea Payment, Attorney at Law, 800 Willamette Street Suite 700, Eugene, Oregon 97401, or they may be barred. All persons whose rights may be affected by the proceedings in this estate may obtain additional information from the records of the court, the personal representative, or the attorney for the personal representative. Dated and first published: 10th day of December, 2020. /s/ Lynn Shepard, Personal Representative. /s/ Chelsea H. Payment, OSB #141125 Attorney for Personal Representative

**IN THE SIXTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT.** JULIE MARIE BECKETT, Plaintiff, BRYAN J. GARAY, Defendant. Case No CV0022393. Dept. No. 2. SUMMONS. THE STATE OF NEVADA SENDS GREETINGS TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANT: You are hereby SUMMONED and required to serve upon the plaintiff, JULIE MARIE BECKETT, whose address is 2815 Everett Drive, Reno, NV 89503, an ANSWER to the Complaint which is here-with served upon you, within 20 days after service of this Summons upon you, exclusive of the day of service. In addition, you must file with the Clerk of this Court, whose address is shown below, a formal written answer to the complaint, along with the appropriate filing fees, in accordance with the rules of the Court. If you fail to do so, judgment by default will be taken against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint. This action is brought to recover a judgment dissolving the contract of marriage existing between you and the Plaintiff. The filer certifies that this document does not contain the social security number of any person. Date October 6th, 2020. CLERK OF THE COURT Print Name: /s/ Tami Rae Spero Signature: /s/ Mikayla Mecham DEPUTY CLERK. 50 W. 5th Street Room 207, Winnemucca, NV 89445

**LANE COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT CASE NO. 20PRO1844.** NOTICE OF THE FILING OF PETITION FOR LIMITED JUDGMENT APPOINTING CONSERVATOR FOR RESPONDENT through her attorney, Robert A. Miller, provides notice as follows: Pursuant to ORS 125.070, Petitioner, Tamara D. Abernathy, respectfully represents as follows: 1. Petitioner is the natural grandmother of the protected person / minor child. Petitioner's name is Tamara D. Abernathy; her date of birth is June 3, 1960; she resides at 1247 NW Sixth Street, Space 25, Redmond, OR 97756. 2. A copy of the Petition for Limited Judgment and supporting documents is published below. 3. Objections to the appointment of Tamara D. Abernathy as conservator for Blaze B. Lambert may be filed in the Lane County Circuit Court, Lane County Courthouse, 125 East 8th Avenue, Eugene, Oregon 97401,

## Jonesin' Crossword

BY MATT JONES  
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### Across

- 1 Sluggish
- 5 Arm gesture done by kids graduating elementary school
- 8 Hosts in one's apartment (remember that?)
- 13 The A in A.D.
- 14 Public radio host Glass
- 15 Early online newsgroup system
- 17 "The Caine Mutiny" novelist
- 18 \_\_\_ squared (circle formula)
- 19 Act as a go-between
- 20 Bygone laptop company's fiscal year division?
- 23 "Bleh!"
- 25 "As Seen on TV" knife brand
- 26 Dinnerware collections
- 27 "Batman Forever" actor Kilmer
- 28 "Messenger" material
- 29 Talent for detail, maybe
- 32 "Call Me Maybe" singer Carly \_\_\_ Jepsen
- 33 General ballpark
- 35 It may be educated
- 37 "How does a company reserve a symbol to trade?" and "How does it differ from NYSE?"
- 44 Photographer Diane
- 45 Button alternative
- 46 Greek M's
- 49 Long-running forensic drama with an upcoming reboot
- 50 Mineral spring
- 53 Airport posting
- 54 Catchall abbrs.
- 56 Largest moon of Saturn
- 58 Particle accelerator particle
- 59 "Me shooting 40% at the foul line is just God's way to say nobody's perfect," for instance?
- 63 Playwright Beckett
- 64 Suffix for Gator or Power
- 65 Idaho neighbor
- 68 Midway through a migraine,

e.g.

- 69 "In the Heights" Tony winner \_\_\_-Manuel Miranda
- 70 Adult \_\_\_ (Cartoon Network offshoot)
- 71 Leg bone (connected to the arm bone?)
- 72 China's Sun \_\_\_-sen
- 73 Male cats

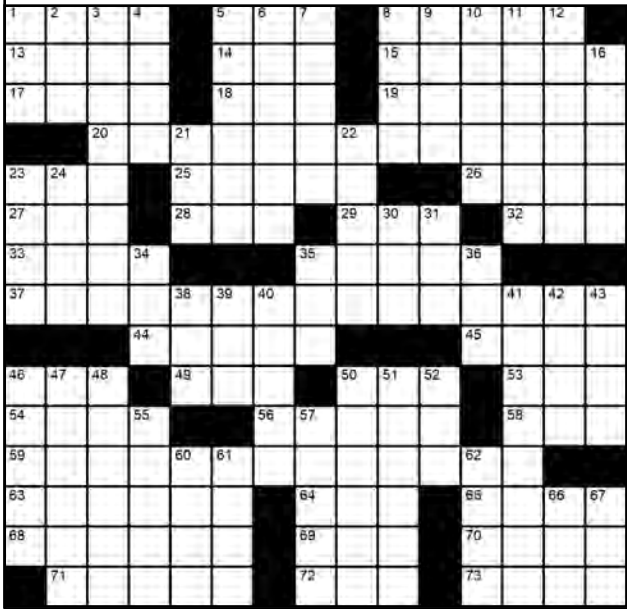
### Down

- 1 Ocelot foot
- 2 See 4-Down
- 3 Sonic the Hedgehog's echidna friend
- 4 With 2-Down, interviewee for John Lennon retrospectives
- 5 \_\_\_ Dots (cryogenic ice cream brand)
- 6 "thank u, next" singer Grande
- 7 Hires competitor
- 8 Platform for the "Animaniacs" reboot
- 9 Bhutan's continent

### "J'Accuse!"

—they're in there.

- 10 Retailer that filed for bankruptcy in 2018
- 11 No divider, they
- 12 Spanish currency pre-euro
- 16 Briefly stated
- 21 Ball club VIP
- 22 Leicester lineup
- 23 "Kindergarten Cop" director Reitman
- 24 Model/actor Delevingne
- 30 "For real?" response
- 31 ME zone, in winter
- 34 Holly Hunter, in "The Piano"
- 35 Astronaut Grissom
- 36 "Pretty sneaky, \_\_\_" (Connect Four ad line)
- 38 Storyline progression
- 39 Many Super Bowl MVPs
- 40 Capital at over 9,000 feet
- 41 Like 50/50 odds
- 42 Alphabet where X is "X-ray"
- 43 Bridge section
- 46 Argentine soccer superstar Lionel
- 47 1960s United Nations secretary general
- 48 Dish prepared with garlic butter and white wine
- 50 Google gaming service as of 2019
- 51 Inventor's concern
- 52 "Allergic to Water" singer DiFranco
- 55 Fledgling pigeon
- 57 Rome home
- 60 Royally named liner, briefly
- 61 Arm bone (connected to the leg bone?)
- 62 Force to leave
- 66 Objective
- 67 Letters on British battleships



ANSWERS TO LAST WEEK'S

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# FREE WILL ASTROLOGY BY ROB BREZSNY

**ARIES** (MARCH 21-APRIL 19): Temporary gods are deities who come alive and become available for particular functions and are not otherwise necessary or called upon. For instance, in ancient Greece, the god Myiagros showed up when humans made sacrifices to the goddess Athena. His task was to shoo away flies. I encourage you to invent or invoke such a spirit for the work you have ahead of you. And what's that work? 1. To translate your recent discoveries into practical plans. 2. To channel your new-found freedom into strategies that will ensure freedom will last. 3. To infuse the details of daily life with the big visions you've harvested recently. What will you name your temporary god?

**TAURUS** (APRIL 20-MAY 20): Author Virginia Woolf said that we don't wholly experience the unique feelings that arise in any particular moment. They take a while to completely settle in, unfold and expand. From her perspective, then, we rarely "have complete emotions about the present, only about the past." With that as your starting point, Taurus, I invite you to take a journey through the last 11 months and thoroughly evolve all the emotions that weren't entirely ripe when they originally appeared. Now is an excellent time to deepen your experience of what has already happened; to fully bloom the seeds that have been planted.

**GEMINI** (MAY 21-JUNE 20): "Wonder is a bulky emotion," writes author Diane Ackerman. "When you let it fill your heart and mind, there isn't room for anxiety, distress or anything else." I'd love for you to use her observation as a prescription in 2021, Gemini. According to my understanding of the coming year's astrological portents, you will have more natural access to wonder and amazement and awe than you've had in a long time. And it would make me happy to see you rouse those primal emotions with vigor — so much so that you drive away at least some of the flabby emotions like anxiety, which are often more neurotic than real.

**CANCER** (JUNE 21-JULY 22): I'll use the words of Cancerian painter Frida Kahlo to tell you the kind of intimate ally you deserve. If for some inexplicable reason you have not enjoyed a relationship like this before now, I urge you to make 2021 the year that you finally do. And if you HAVE indeed been lucky in this regard, I bet you'll be even luckier in 2021. Here's Frida: "You deserve a lover who wants you disheveled... who makes you feel safe... who wants to dance with you... who never gets tired of studying your expressions... who listens when you sing, who supports you when you feel shame and respects your freedom... who takes away the lies and brings you hope."

**LEO** (JULY 23-AUG. 22): In 2019, singer Ariana Grande got Japanese characters tattooed on her palm. She believed them to be a translation of the English phrase "7 Rings," which was the title of a song she had released. But knowledgeable observers later informed her that the tattoo's real meaning was "small charcoal grill." She arranged to have alterations made, but the new version was worse: "Japanese barbecue grill finger." I offer you this story for two reasons, Leo. First, I applaud the creativity and innovative spirit that have been flowing through you. Second, I want to make sure that you keep them on the right track — that they continue to express what you want them to express. With proper planning and discernment, they will.

**VIRGO** (AUG. 23-SEPT. 22): While sleeping, most of us have more than a thousand dreams every year. Many are hard to remember and not worth remembering. But a beloved few can be life-changers. They have the potential to trigger epiphanies that transform our destinies for the better. In my astrological opinion, you are now in a phase when such dreams are more likely than usual. That's why I invite you to keep a recorder or a pen and notebook by your bed so as to capture them. For inspiration, read this testimony from Jasper Johns, whom some call America's "foremost living artist": "One night I dreamed that I painted a large American flag, and the next morning I got up and I went out and bought the materials to begin it." Painting flags ultimately became one of Johns' specialties.

**LIBRA** (SEPT. 23-OCT. 22): I composed a prayer that's in alignment with your current astrological omens. If it feels right, say it daily for the next 10 days. Here it is: "Dear Higher Self, Guardian Angel, and Future Me: Please show me how to find or create the key to the part of my own heart that's locked up. Reveal the secret to dissolving any inhibitions that interfere with my ability to feel all I need to feel. Make it possible for me to get brilliant insights into truths that will enable me to lift my intimate alliances to the next level."

**SCORPIO** (OCT. 23-NOV. 21): Author Herman Hesse observed, "Whoever wants music instead of noise, joy instead of pleasure, soul instead of gold, creative work instead of business, passion instead of foolery, finds no home in this trivial world." I hope you will prove him wrong in 2021, Scorpio. According to my reading of astrological omens, the rhythms of life will be in alignment with yours if you do indeed make bold attempts to favor music over noise, joy over pleasure, soul over gold, creative work over business, passion over foolery. Moreover, I think this will be your perfect formula for success — a strategy that will guarantee you'll feel at home in the world more than ever before.

**SAGITTARIUS** (NOV. 22-DEC. 21): According to researcher Nick Watts and his documentary film *The Human Footprint*, the average person speaks more than 13 million words in a lifetime, or about 4,300 per day. But I suspect and hope that your output will increase in 2021. I think you'll have more to say than usual — more truths to articulate, more observations to express, more experiences to describe. So please raise your daily quota of self-expression to account for your expanded capacity to share your intelligence with the world.

**CAPRICORN** (DEC. 22-JAN. 19): "Our thinking should have a vigorous fragrance, like a wheat field on a summer's night," wrote philosopher Friedrich Nietzsche. I encourage you to adopt that joyful mandate as your own. It's a perfect time to throw out stale opinions and moldy ideas as you make room for an aromatic array of fresh, spicy notions. To add to your bliss, get rid of musty old feelings and decaying dreams and stinky judgments. That brave cleansing will make room for the arrival of crisp insights that smell really good.

**AQUARIUS** (JAN. 20-FEB. 18): Have you heard the term "catastrophize"? It refers to when people experience a small setback or minor problem but interpret it as being a major misfortune. It's very important that you not engage in catastrophizing during the coming weeks. I urge you to prevent your imagination from jumping to awful conclusions that aren't warranted. Use deep breathing and logical thinking to coax yourself into responding calmly. Bonus tip: In my view, the small "setback" you experience could lead to an unexpected opportunity — especially if you resist the temptation to catastrophize.

**PISCES** (FEB. 19-MARCH 20): My Buddhist friend Marcia says the ultimate goal of her meditation practice is to know that the material world is an illusion and that there is no such thing as "I" or "you," no past or future. There is only the quality-less ground of being. My Sufi friend Roanne, on the other hand, is a devotee of the poet Rumi. The ultimate goal of her meditation practice is to be in intimate contact, in tender loving communion, with the Divine Friend, the personal face of Cosmic Intelligence. Given your astrological omens, Pisces, I'd say you're in a prime position to experience the raw truth of both Marcia's and Roanne's ideals. The coming days could bring you amazing spiritual breakthroughs!

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before the expiration of fifteen (15) days from the January 15, 2021. 4. The purpose of the appointment of a conservator is for the approval and disposition of a personal injury claim of the protected person, Blaze B. Lambert, arising out of a personal injury claim for injuries sustained by the respondent in a motor vehicle accident occurring in Lane County on or about February 28, 2020. Said claim is based upon the alleged negligence of the driver of an automobile that collided with an automobile in which Blaze B. Lambert was a passenger and that was driven by his natural mother, Christil D. Cromwell. 5. There are no financial resources available to the protected person for the use of court-approved expenditures of the proceedings except for the personal injury settlement proceeds referred to in the Petition. 6. You may be represented by a lawyer in these proceedings. If you cannot afford to hire one, you may contact the Lane County Legal Aid Service of Oregon at LASO Lane County Office, 101 East Broadway, Suite 200, Eugene, Oregon 97401, telephone number 541-485-1017 ext. 340. 7. You have the following rights with respect to the Petition for Appointment of Conservator: a) The right to be represented by an attorney; b) The right to file a written or oral objection; c) The right to request a hearing; d) The right to present evidence and cross-examine witnesses at any hearing; e) The right to request at any time that the power of the fiduciary be limited by the court; f) The right to request at any time the removal of the fiduciary (conservator) of a modification of the protective order. NOTICE: If you wish to receive copies of future filings in this case, you must inform the court and the person named as petitioner in this notice. You must inform the court by filing a request for notice and paying any applicable filing fee. The request for notice must be in writing, must clearly indicate that you wish to receive future filings in the proceedings, and must contain your name, address, and telephone number. You must notify the person named as petitioner by mailing a copy of the

request to the petitioner at the address herein stated. Unless you take these steps, you will receive no further copies of the filings in the case. PETITION FOR LIMITED JUDGEMENT APPOINTING CONSERVATOR FOR RESPONDENT COMES NOW Tamara D. Abernathy, petitioner herein, and petitions the court for her appointment as conservator for Blaze B. Lambert, a minor child, for the preservation of the minor child's claim arising out of a motor vehicle accident occurring in Lane County on or about February 28, 2020. Petitioner respectfully represents as follows: 1. The name of the minor child is Blaze B. Lambert. His date of birth is December 9, 2012. He resides at 89142 Territorial Road, Elmira, Lane County, Oregon 97437 with his natural mother, Christil D. Cromwell. 2. The petitioner is the natural grandmother of the protected person/minor child. Petitioner's name is Tamara D. Abernathy. Her date of birth is June 3, 1960. She resides at 1247 NW Sixth Street, Space 25, Redmond, OR 97756. Petitioner is the mother of Christil D. Cromwell, the minor child's mother. 3. Petitioner has not been convicted of a crime, has not filed for or received protection under the bankruptcy laws, has not caused any loss resulting in surcharge under ORS 125.225 or a similar statute of another jurisdiction, has not been removed as a fiduciary under ORS 125.225, nor has had a license revoked or canceled that was required by the laws of any state for the practice of any profession or occupation. 4. The factual information that supports the request for the appointment of a conservator in the declaration of counsel, Robert A. Miller, on file herewith and incorporated by reference herein. 5. Appointment of conservator for the proposed ward is necessary in order to affect finalization of the personal injury claim as set forth above and in counsel's declaration. 6. Petitioner does not intend to place the protected person in any mental health treatment facility, nursing home, or other residential facility. 7. The expected personal injury settlement proceeds is the extent of the estate of the protected person. 8. Petitioner is not an employee of a public or private organization that provides services to the respondent. WHEREFORE, Petitioner prays for limited judgment providing as follows: a)

Appointing Petitioner as conservator of the Estate of Blaze B. Lambert, a minor; b) Authorizing the conservator to execute all documents which are necessary to give full force and effect to the terms of the settlement as described herein. DECLARATION OF ROBERT A. MILLER, ATTORNEY FOR RESPONDENT, IN SUPPORT OF PETITION FOR LIMITED JUDGEMENT APPOINTING CONSERVATOR FOR RESPONDENT I, Robert A. Miller, attorney for petitioner, Tamara D. Abernathy, and respondent, Blaze B. Lambert, make the following declaration of facts in support of the Petition for Appointment of Conservator for Blaze B. Lambert, a minor child: 1. I am the attorney for Blaze B. Lambert, the respondent herein. Christil D. Cromwell is the natural mother of Blaze B. Lambert. 2. On or about March 13, 2020, Christil D. Cromwell retained the Law Office of Robert A. Miller to represent her minor son, Blaze B. Lambert, for personal injuries he sustained in a motor vehicle accident of February 28, 2020. The child was a front passenger in a car driven by his mother when their vehicle was struck by another vehicle driven by a negligent driver, Ms. Barbara L. Vann, at the intersection of Clear Lake Road and Alvaldore Road in Alvaldore, Lane County, Oregon. The collision resulted in a closed fracture of the minor's left femur. He underwent open reduction and internal fixation to repair the fracture. The femoral repair included inserting a long rod into his femur, which will likely need to be removed in the future. His treating doctors anticipate that this will be done within the next year. 3. With regards to notice required by ORS 125.060, Ms. Cromwell has informed me that Mr. Lambert's natural father, Mathis R. Lambert, is homeless. Mr. Lambert's address as registered with the Oregon Department of Motor Vehicles on July 10, 2019 was 88011 6th Street, Veneta, Oregon 97487. If personal service or service by mail of the Notice does not effectuate service, said Notice will be given pursuant to ORS 125.065(2), by publication in the Eugene Weekly, a weekly published newspaper in Lane County, Oregon. 4. After notice has been given, petitioner will file a motion with the court requesting approval of the settlement of the claim and disbursement of the assets. I HEREBY DECLARE THAT THE ABOVE

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**NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS** Claims against the Estate of Patricia Joyce Dodrill, Deceased, Lane County Circuit Court Case No. 20PB06812, are required to be presented to the Personal Representative, Taylor Dodrill at 180 East 11th Avenue, Eugene, OR 97401, within four (4) months from 12/10/20, the date of first publication, or such claims may be barred. Any person whose rights may be affected by the proceedings may obtain additional information from the records of the court, the Personal Representative, or the attorneys for the Personal Representative. HERSHNER HUNTER, LLP, Attorneys.

**NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS** Claims against the Estate of William Eugene Massey, Deceased, Lane County Circuit Court Case No. 20PB06891, are required to be presented to the Personal Representative, Curtiss Eugene Massey at 180 East 11th Avenue, Eugene, OR 97401, within four (4) months from 12/17/20, the date of first publication, or such claims may be barred. Any person whose rights may be affected by the proceeding may obtain additional information from the records of the court, the Personal Representative, or the attorneys for the Personal Representative. HERSHNER HUNTER, LLP, Attorneys

**NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS** IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE STATE OF OREGON FOR LANE COUNTY - PROBATE DEPARTMENT Case No. 20PB07459 In the matter of the Estate of Paul Winthrop

Lawrence, Decedent, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Karen Fabiano of Eldercare Resources, Inc. has been appointed personal representative. All persons having claims against the estate are required to present them, with vouchers attached, to the aforementioned personal representative c/o Northwest Legal, Attn: Jinoo Hwang, 975 Oak Street, Suite 700, Eugene, OR 97401, within four months after the date of first publication of this notice, or the claims may be barred. All persons whose rights may be affected by the proceedings may obtain additional information from the records of the court, the personal representative, or attorney for the personal representative, Northwest Legal, Attn: Jinoo Hwang, 975 Oak Street, Suite 700, Eugene, OR 97401.

**NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS** IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE STATE OF OREGON FOR LANE COUNTY - PROBATE DEPARTMENT Case No. 20PB07409 In the matter of the Estate of Jacquelyn Aiken, Decedent, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Jacob K. Clifton, Jr. has been appointed personal representative. All persons having claims against the estate are required to present them, with vouchers attached, to the aforementioned personal representative c/o Northwest Legal, Attn: Jinoo Hwang, 975 Oak Street, Suite 700, Eugene, OR 97401, within four months after the date of first publication of this notice, or the claims may be barred. All persons whose rights may be affected by the proceedings may obtain additional information from the records of the court, the personal representative, or attorney for the personal representative, Northwest Legal, Attn: Jinoo Hwang, 975 Oak Street, Suite 700, Eugene, OR 97401.

**NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS:** Probate administration proceedings in the Estate of Robin Sydney Edmunds, Deceased, are now pending in the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for Lane County, Case No.

20PB07930, and Joseph J. Kite has been appointed Personal Representative of the estate. All persons having claims against the estate are required to present the same, with proper vouchers, to the Personal Representative, c/o Gleaves Swearingen LLP, Attorneys at Law, 975 Oak Street, Suite 800, Eugene, OR 97401, within 4 months from the date of the first publication of this notice or such claims may be barred. NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN to all persons whose rights may be affected by the above entitled proceedings that additional information may be obtained from the records of the Court, the Personal Representative or the attorneys for the Personal Representative. Dated and first published this 3rd day of December, 2020.

**SUMMONS:** Notice is hereby given to JEREMIAH STEELE that LISA A. CAPPS and DANNY C. CAPPS have filed a Petition for Adoption in the Lane County Circuit Court of the State of Oregon, Case No 20AP00791 for the adoption of DEZARAY M. HUARD. YOU ARE HEREBY REQUIRED to appear and defend the petition filed against you in the above-entitled cause. The answer must be given to the court clerk or administrator for Lane County Circuit Court within 30 days of the date of first publication herein with the required filing fee. NOTICE TO RESPONDENT: READ THESE PAPERS CAREFULLY! You must "appear" in this case or the other side will win automatically. To "appear" you must file with the court a legal paper called a "motion" or "answer." The "motion" or "answer" must be given to the court clerk or administrator within 30 days along with the required filing fee. It must be in proper form and have proof of service on Petitioner's lawyer or, if Petitioner does not have a lawyer, proof of service upon Petitioner. If you have any questions, you should see a lawyer immediately. IF YOU NEED HELP IN FINDING A LAWYER, YOU MAY CALL THE OREGON STATE BAR'S LAWYER REFERRAL SERVICE AT (503) 684-3763 OR TOLL-FREE IN OREGON AT (800) 452-7636. By: Ryan M. Gifford, Attorney for Petitioners, P.O. Box 247, Cottage Grove, OR 97424

# SAVAGE LOVE

**Gay Dream Believer**  
BY DAN SAVAGE



*I'm wondering if you can help me with some dream interpretation. If it helps for context, I'm a single 29-year-old gay man. For just about as long as I can remember, I've been having mildly unsatisfying sex dreams in that the dreams never seem to lead to sex itself. My dream partners range from people I work with to people from high school to celebrities I'll never get the chance to meet. I never dream about someone I wouldn't want to sleep with in the waking world, given the opportunity. The scenarios are generally different as well. Sometimes the sexual tension is palpable but we're in a crowded room. Sometimes we get close enough to get started but the setting is off. Sometimes we start to get hot and heavy but the dream ends just prior to the sex. In each case I wake up frustrated and masturbate to finish the fantasy. I've been pretty sexually starved during the pandemic, Dan, so you can imagine my frustration when I woke up this morning having almost had dream sex with Andrew Rannells. Can you think of why this might be happening? Any advice would be appreciated!*

— **Distancing Real Earnestly And Missing Erotic Romps**

"Well this is certainly VERY interesting," says actor, singer, and author Andrew Rannells. "I'm honored I made the list of people DREAMER would actually have sex with in real life, if given the chance."

Seeing as this two-time Tony-Award nominee is taken — Rannells fell in love with Tuc Watkins, one of his co-stars in Boys in the Band on Broadway, and the two men now live together in Los Angeles — there's not much chance of something happening between an anonymous "Savage Love" reader, DREAMER, and Rannells, one of the stars of The Prom on Netflix. But Rannells was more than happy to do a little amateur dream interpretation for a fan.

"As for the root of this issue," Rannells says, "I suppose it could have something to do with not having the confidence of actually following through with the full act? Maybe while awake he could experiment with fantasizing about a more complete experience and see if that changes his dream life?"

My two cents: perhaps these dreams are lingering evidence of some shame about your same-sex desires — which is why your dream universes conspire to prevent you from having gay sex — or perhaps the continued existence of bigots who would prevent gay men from having sex preys on your subconscious mind and manifests in the form of these frustrating/frustration dreams. Or maybe there's no way of knowing what the hell is going on here and trying to attach meaning to something as random as a dream is a waste of time or a scam or both.

The real takeaway here, DREAMER, is that you now have Rannells' permission to masturbate about him whenever you like — or at least that's how I would interpret his encouragement to fantasize about "more complete" experiences with the men who populate your dreams, Rannells included. You didn't need his permission to masturbate about him, of course, and as a general rule we shouldn't need to ask the people we want to jack off about for their OK. But Rannells basically offered, DREAMER, so have at it.

"Ultimately, we can't control our dreams," Rannells adds. "For instance I have a recurring stress dream where I am supposed to be driving Jessica Lange somewhere, and I can't get the GPS to work. What does it mean? We'll never know."

Follow Andrew Rannells on Instagram @AndrewRannells.

*After years of receiving oral sex from girlfriends who were careful to never inflict any sort of pain on my testicles, I met a woman who wasn't so careful. For our fifth date, she came back to my place and we watched a movie. After the movie we began to kiss and soon she was making love to my stiff penis with her mouth while rather roughly massaging my testicles. However this came to be, I was liking it quite a bit. The more pressure she applied to my testicles, the harder my penis became. This has never happened to me in my 33 years of lovemaking! I actually asked her to squeeze my testicles harder and harder, and I can honestly say my penis was harder than it has ever been. Against my better judgment, I asked her to squeeze my testicles as hard as she could. After several seconds of the most intense pressure she could provide, I had the most powerful orgasm I have ever had. All of a sudden, I was dizzy and my vision went black. When I finally came back to reality, there was an extraordinary amount of come all over the place. She has made love to my penis dozens of times since in the same manner. My question: Will there be any physical complications to my newly discovered taste for this kind of play? I look forward to your response!*

— **This Exquisitely Sensuous Torment Enhances Sex**

Ball busting — the kink you stumbled on — is inherently risky, TESTES, in that you could actually rupture, aka "bust," one or both of your balls. Hence the name. But considering how much pleasure you're deriving from this, and considering how short life is, and considering how long you've been sexually active, and considering how little use you're gonna get out of your balls once you're dead, TESTES, I don't see any reason why you should deprive yourself — at this stage — of this newly discovered sexual pleasure. Well, actually... I can see one reason why you might want to knock this off: when it comes to ball busting, TESTES, there's no way to eliminate the risk of a physical complication that lands your sack in the emergency room and E.R. nurses and doctors have enough on their plates right now. So maybe give your balls a break until after the pandemic is over and then go nuts.

*I'm writing in response to WHY, the Italian fellow whose partner has a significantly lower libido than he does. I would like to share my perspective. I have a high libido and my partner of more than 20 years has a low libido. From the perspective of the person with the lower libido, there's no problem to address. The person with the lower libido gets to have sex whenever they want. When they don't want sex, it doesn't happen. If WHY wants to engage his partner in a conversation about this he has to make it clear this is a make-or-break situation. Use very specific language like, "If we can't talk about this, I'm leaving," or, "If we don't go to counseling, I can't stay in this relationship." In my case, I did not communicate how important the issue was, and my partner did not think we needed to talk about it because it wasn't a problem for her, and she didn't know — because I didn't tell her — how much of a problem it was for me. Eventually I acted out and had a random hookup. We wound up in counseling, which got us talking, but nothing changed the fact that we have very different libidos. More than likely I am moving out when our youngest son goes to college. If I had to do it over again I would have let my partner know exactly how important it is to me that we have a healthy, robust sexual relationship. Having a difficult conversation is better than acting out in a way that puts everyone's health at risk and damages trust. I have no idea if that would have changed things between us, but I would feel a whole lot better about how things went down.*

— **One Man's Opinion**

Thank you for sharing, OMO, and here's hoping you get a chance to "do it over again." With a new partner, if you wind up leaving your partner, or with the partner you have now, if you stay. There's nothing you can say to change your partner's libido, OMO, but if you keep talking you may be able to work out a compromise or an accommodation that takes the pressure off her (to round her libido up) and off you (to round yours down). Good luck.

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